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As a member of the Land Stewardship Project, I'm concerned about the way our dairy industry is being contracted from small dairies and expanded by large dairies with huge numbers of cows.

Large numbers of live stock mean more pollution at a specific site, less crop diversity, lower prices for family farmers and fewer farms to support rural economies. Corporate farms probably don't buy in town or send their children to local schools as we did on our 228 acre 28 cow farm. We always had a job for a live in worker or college student who needed the income and room and board provided. Corporate farms ar driving small farmers out of the business and damaging rual communities. More small, thriving dairies means stronger rural economies and a more resilient food system.